

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

United States District Court	DISTRICT of ARIZONA
<b>Alejandro Parra-Ruiz,</b> DOB: 1975, SSN: 601-23-9712 Mexican Citizen	DOCKET NO.
<b>ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS ON REVERSE</b>	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO.
Complaint for violation of Title 18	United States Code § 554
COMPLAINANT'S STATEMENT OF FACTS CONSTITUTING THE OFFENSE OR VIOLATION:	
<p>From on or about March 22, 2007, at or near Nogales, Arizona, in the District of Arizona, <b>Alejandro PARRA-RUIZ</b>, did fraudulently or knowingly export or send from the United States, or attempt to export or send from the United States, any merchandise, article, or object contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, or receive, conceal, buy, sell, or in any manner facilitate the transportation, concealment, or sale of such merchandise, article or object, prior to exportation, knowing the same to be intended for exportation contrary to any law or regulation of the United States; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 544.</p>	
<p>On or about March 22, 2007, <b>Alejandro PARRA-RUIZ</b>, hired Ivan Mesa-Esparza to transport a Pace gooseneck 40-foot trailer that contained an estimated \$3,000,000.000 worth of stolen wedding gowns, a stolen industrial Whisperwatt generator, and a stolen Kubota tractor from Phoenix, Arizona to the Republic of Mexico. Mesa-Esparza was to be paid \$900 (U.S.) for his services.</p>	
<p>On April 5, 2007, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Mariposa Port of Entry (POE) in Nogales, Arizona, discovered the Pace trailer and wedding gowns as Meza-Esparza attempted to return the trailer and gowns back into the U.S. after the Republic of Mexico refused him admittance. CBP records check revealed that the Pace trailer and wedding gowns had been reported stolen by the Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation, on November 5, 2006. The wedding dresses had been donated to the foundation for sale at auction and the proceeds were to be used by the foundation.</p>	
<b>BASIS OF COMPLAINANT'S CHARGE CONTINUED ON REVERSE</b>	
MATERIAL WITNESSES IN RELATION TO THE CHARGE:	
DETENTION REQUESTED Being duly sworn, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. <b>AUTHORIZED BY AUSA ANGELA M. MARTINEZ</b>	SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT (official title)
	OFFICIAL TITLE Criminal Enforcement Officer
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence.	
SIGNATURE OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE <sup>1)</sup>	DATE

<sup>1)</sup> See Federal rules of Criminal Procedure Rules 3 and 54

## **BASIS OF COMPLAINANT'S CHARGE CONTINUED:**

During a post-Miranda interview, Mesa-Esparza denied any knowledge that the items he was transporting were stolen and stated that **PARRA-RUIZ** provided him with an address of the Hendrix Recycling Plant in Phoenix, Arizona, and met with him there on three occasions in late March 2007, to have Mesa-Esparza pick-up the Pace trailer containing the gowns, the Whisperwatt generator, and the Kubota tractor.

Agents ultimately located the Whisperwatt generator and Kubota tractor in Nogales, Arizona, and both were confirmed to have been stolen from construction sites in Phoenix, Arizona. A monitored telephone call was placed from Meza-Esparza to **PARRA-RUIZ** in which **PARRA-RUIZ** acknowledged that he hired Meza-Esparza to transport the Pace trailer containing the wedding gowns, the Whisperwatt generator, and the Kubota tractor from the U.S. to the Republic of Mexico. **PARRA-RUIZ** denied knowingly that the \$3,000,000.00 (USD) worth of wedding dresses was stolen and claimed that he has purchased them at a local swap meet but did not get a receipt for his purchase. **PARRA-RUIZ** then instructed Meza-Esparza to lie to Customs officials and state that he picked up the Pace trailer, the Whisperwatt generator, and the Kubota tractor at a different location in Phoenix, Arizona in an apparent effort to conceal the original location of Hendrix Recycling Plant. On April 25, 2007, Meza-Esparza was shown a six (6)-pack lineup and positively identified **PARRA RUIZ** as the individual who hired him to transport the stolen Pace trailer containing wedding gowns, the Whisperwatt generator and the Kubota tractor from Phoenix, Arizona, to Hermosillo, Mexico.